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(B) STATE 143453 (DTG 210119Z JUN 77),
(C) USNATO 5468 (DTG 161818Z JUN 77)- ALL NOTAL
SUMMARY: AT JUNE 21 AND 23 MEETINGS, POLADS DISCUSSED:

(A) SWEDISH CBMS PROPOSAL (SEPTTEL)

(B) SOVIET NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE "CARPATHIANS"

(C) CBMS PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE, ISD/149

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END SUMMARY.

1. WE CIRCULATED TO POLADS INFORMATION IN REF A ON SOVIET
NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION OF OBSERVERS TO EXERCISE "CAR-
PATHIANS". DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT AT
JUN- 23 MEETING, FRENCH, ITALIAN, AND FRG REPS CONFIRMED
RECEIPT OF INVITATIONS FOR OBSERVERS. ITALIAN AND FRG REPS

SAID THEIR AUTHORITIES WOULD ACCEPT INVITATION AND WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY MILITARY ATTACHES IN MOSCOW.

2. REVIEW OF ISD/149. LENGTHY PARAGRAPH-BY-PARAGRAPH REVIEW INDICATED LARGE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ON BASIC DRAFT PAPER (AS AMENDED) ON CBMS PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE. OTHER REPS MADE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR MINOR CHANGES, ONLY FEW OF WHICH WERE ACCEPTED. POLADS ACCEPTED VIRTUALLY ALL US-PROPOSED CHANGES (REF B), EXCEPT AS NOTED IN PARA 3 BELOW. MOST REPS WELCOMED US LANGUAGE ON NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS (PARA 28). INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL REVISE AND CIRCULATE CORRIGENDUM TO ISD/149 (REF C) TO INCORPORATE CHANGES ACCEPTED AT JUNE 23 MEETING. NEXT REVIEW OF ISD/149 IS LIKELY TO BE SCHEDULED IN MID-JULY.

3. POLADS HAD PROBLEMS WITH FOLLOWING US SUGGESTIONS:

--PAGE 11, PARA 21(II): NETHERLANDS, CANADIAN, AND NORWEGIAN REPS OBJECTED TO US SUGGESTION TO ADD WORDS "DEFINE SMALLER-SCALE THRESHHOLD (10-25,000 TROOPS) AND". THEY EMPHASIZED DESIRE TO KEEP OPEN POSSIBILITY OF ENCOURAGING NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS BELOW 10,000 LEVEL AND CONCERN THAT DEFINING SMALLER-SCALE THRESHHOLD AS US SUGGESTED WOULD INHIBIT ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE. POLADS WILL DISCUSS THIS ISSUE FURTHER IN CONNECTION WITH NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL AT JUNE 28 MEETING.

--PAGE 21, PARA 37: SOME REPS PREFERRED NOT TO DROP FINAL SENTENCE, AT THIS STAGE. SEVERAL REQUESTED ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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BACKGROUND ON SENTENCE US WISHED TO SUBSTITUTE; I.E., "THE SOVIETS HAVE SHOWN SOME RECEPTIVITY TO THE POSSIBILITY OF STANDARDIZING TREATMENT OF OBSERVERS AND TO FURTHER DISCUSSION, AT SOME POINT, OF MOVEMENTS NOTIFICATION."

--NOTING HER AUTHORITIES' CONCERN REGARDING POSSIBLE USE OF STATISTICS TO MEET EASTERN CRITICISM OF WESTERN MILITARY EXERCISES, FRENCH REP, SUPPORTED BY SOME OTHERS, RESISTED CHANGES PROPOSED BY US IN FOOTNOTE (1) ON PAGES 4, 7 AND 22. AS COMPROMISE, TO BE CONSIDERED AT NEXT REVIEW, INTERNATIONAL STAFF SUGGESTED INCLUDING US CHANGES IN FOOTNOTE ON PAGES 4 AND 7, AND DROPPING FOOTNOTE AND PARAGRAPH 41 ON PAGE 22.

4. FRG REP SUGGESTED ALLIES ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CURRENT NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED THINKING ON POSSIBLE CBMS PROPOSALS (PARAS 33 AND 34). FRG REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES UNDERSTOOD THE AUSTRIANS WOULD PROBABLY NOT PUT FORWARD A PROPOSAL FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF FRONTIER-CROSSING MOVEMENTS (PARA 34, SUBPARA 5). ITALIAN REP SAID HE WOULD SUGGEST HIS AUTHORITIES ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CURRENT YUGOSLAV VIEWS ON CBMS PROPOSALS (PARA 34, SUBPARAS 2, 3 AND 4). STREATOR

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